

Religion

Injustices against women must be addressed

In Canada, women have a greater chance of living in poverty than do men, and the number of poor women living in our society is growing at an alarming rate. According to a report by the National Council of Welfare published in 1990, 59 per cent of Canadian adults living in poverty were women and 15 per cent of women aged 16 and over were poor. Fifty-seven per cent of single-parent families headed by women lived below the poverty line.

This is just one of the concerns that is being discussed and considered by churches involved in The Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women. The Decade has been declared for 1988-1998 by the World Council of Churches. The World Council saw that the United Nations Decade of Women, which ended in 1985, did not do much to touch the churches. It felt that it was crucial for churches to address the issues which continue to keep women from full participation in church and society.

This week in our Canadian House of Commons one of the members was heard to call another

Clergy Comment

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member a "slut." This, for me, underlines the attitude that continues in our society; that women become objects of derision and sexual innuendo. It is all the more appalling that this comment would come from a man elected for public office, a man with supposed intelligence and one who has been granted trust and the opportunity for leadership.

It is time for all of us, women and men together, to start looking at the issues around us that directly impact women, to realize the injustices that are part of women's everyday lives, and to decide to do something about them.

It's not always going to be easy. Questions of gender, our attitudes about what it means to be male and female today, touch us at a deeply personal and emotional

level. There are bound to be differences in the way we see the issues. But with the courage that comes from our faith, we can begin to journey together.

- A woman is beaten within her own home every one to three minutes;
- A woman is raped every two to five minutes;
- A little girl is molested every five to 10 minutes;
- A daughter is molested by her own father every 30 minutes;
- A woman is killed by her

partner every three days.
(Based on U.S. and Canadian statistics.)

Jesus, in bringing in the Kingdom of God, urged his followers to see the value of all people in the society. He overturned the expectations of the day by talking to the woman at the well (John 4:7-30) by healing the woman on the sabbath (Luke 13:10-13) by freeing the woman from the mob (John 8:1-11) by recognizing a woman's faith (Mark 7:24-30). To mention just a few.

The Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women provides us the opportunity to consider what it means to be a people of faith in a world that often seems far from the Sovereignty of God.

If you are interested in the issues of the Decade there will be an opportunity for study on the four Thursday evenings in November at St. John's United Church at 8 p.m. For more details call 877-2531.

Daughters of Knox discuss moon viewing

The September meeting of the Daughters of Knox was held on Sept. 9.

President Faye Pink was in the chair and opened the meeting with the reading of a poem entitled "Autumn." "Living For Jesus" was sung and our club mottoes repeated.

Roll call was answered by presenting various craft items for sale at the fall bazaar in October.

Kae Hansen read the minutes of the May and June meetings. Margaret Toth gave the Treasurer's Report and Kae, the Lamp Committee Report.

Letters of thanks from members who had been ill were read by Gladys Price.

Several items of business were discussed. President Faye welcomed a guest. Anne Moore and her group then presented the Service of Meditation and Praise from the study book on Japan - related to the custom of moon-viewing.

Prior to the Call to Meditation, Vivian Swallow sang a short chant entitled "In Wonder." Anne read a paragraph on the beauty of the moon and its importance in worship by the Japanese, while Renee Watson played softly on the piano, the hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus." Several scripture passages

were read by the group members.

Anne had prepared an attractive plate of moon-shaped fruits, and everyone helped themselves from the arrangement. During this period, Renee again played a hymn (Japanese) entitled "In your Grace." The hymn "All Creatures

of our God and King" was then sung.

The offering was received and the offertory prayer given by Eunice Gibson. The Benediction was then given by Anne Moore. A time of fellowship and refreshments followed.

Busy fall agenda ahead for United Church Women

Norval United Church Women, Unit 2, met at the church on Sept. 11. The members were welcomed by the president, Gwen Laidlaw.

The roll call was answered by "What did you do this summer?" and "What are you making for the bazaar?"

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Don Coglein and he was introduced by Gayle Laroche. Don is the chairman of the newly formed Georgetown Chapter of the Diabetic Association. There are 68 members of the new society. Don told us that diabetes is a killer disease. He told us that the disease can be controlled by consultation with your doctor, special diet, exercise and in some cases insulin. Diabetes can cause blindness, heart disease etc. if not checked. A lively discussion fol-

Norval news

By KAY WILSON

lowed Don's speech. Don was thanked by Gayle Laroche and a donation will be sent to the new chapter in Georgetown for their use.

The devotion was presented by Marilyn Smith and Lois Reid.

The members were reminded of the following dates. On Sunday, Sept. 29, a recital will be held at 7:30 to hear the newly installed Allen organ. All people in the area will be invited to attend. Sunday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. will be the church's anniversary. The guest minister will be Rev. Hugh Reid from Hamilton. We hope you'll attend. Hugh's grandparents, the late Harold and Mable Lyons, were Norval people as well as his Uncle Clark Lyons. Saturday, Nov. 9 is the U.C.W. bazaar at Norval United Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be delicious baking, outstanding crafts, "Treasures and Things." Plan on coming for lunch! Nellie Shea and her group were the hostesses for the social time.

United Way volunteers

If you have some time to give during September or October, the United Way would love to hear from you.

They are calling on Acton and Georgetown residents to help canvass, answer phones, deliver packages and provide office assistance for what will be their most ambitious campaign yet.

"Volunteers are at the heart of the United Way," said Executive Director Arlene Bruce. "They provide leadership to the organization and help us make personal contact with the residents of Halton Hills."

United Way volunteers are gearing up for the 1991 Campaign, which seeks to raise \$180,000 for 19 Halton Hills charities - from the Red Cross to the Victorian Order of Nurses.

If you are interested in joining the team of United Way volunteers, please call Arlene Bruce at 877-8335.

DIRECTORY OF HALTON HILLS Churches & Temples

Georgetown Alliance Church
Main St. south of Maple Ave.
"Nurturing a growing family of people"
Pastor Paul Little 873-0249
Mr. Kirk Goodman
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (all ages)
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Family Night Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Halton Gospel Temple
Phone (416) 877-2759
Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown
Affiliated with P.A.O.C.
Youth Pastor Rev. Dale Reddekopp
SUNDAY SERVICES
9:45 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP
6:30 P.M. Evening Praise
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Night
Friday 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive

MAPLE AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH
177 Maple Ave. 877-6665
Pastor: G. Blake Slessor
SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. - Family Bible Hour
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m. - Worship Hour
6:30 p.m. - Evening Praise Time
WEEK DAY
6:45 p.m. MON. - Pioneer Girls & Brigade
9:30 a.m. WED. - Ladies' Coffee Hour
6:50 p.m. WED. - Adult Prayer Group & Junior Choir
7:00 p.m. WED. - Youth "Meat & Potatoes"
8:00 p.m. WED. - Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. FRI. - Youthline
Home to Little Cherub Nursery
Mrs. Barb Hutzal | Director

Christian Reformed Church
Trafalgar Rd.
SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Rev. P. Stadt
LISTEN TO THE BACK TO GOD HOUR
7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 820
7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108
9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460
and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20
5:30 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6 and 41
Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:30 a.m.
(Sept. through May)

CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
Anglican Church of Canada
537 Main St. Glen Williams
(Mountain & Main Sts.)
416-877-8323
Rector: Rev. Carol A. Skidmore, L. Th.
Sunday Services: 8 am, 10:30 am
Church School/Nursery: 10:30 am
Come join us - a warm welcome awaits you!

Knox Presbyterian Church
Corner Main & Church, Georgetown
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
Junior Congregation
Nursery Facilities
Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister

ENJOY
FAMILY WORSHIP
with an active children's program
- nursery to teens
9:45 A.M.
Rev. Mary Campbell B.A., M. Div.
NORVAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
499 Guelph St. (in the heart of Norval)
Church Office 877-8868; Manse 873-6928
(Bet You Can't Visit Just Once)

St. George's Anglican Church
60 Guelph St., Georgetown 877-8044
SERVICES
Sunday
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School/Nursery 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m.
Rector:
Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B. Th.
Pastoral Archdeacon:
Ven. John H. McMullin, B.A., S.T.B., D.D.
Director of Music
Ms. Sharon Dutton, B.Mus., A.R.C.T.

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Do not allow your mind to be distracted. Attend to all the seemingly minor details. They are more important than you think.

TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20
A minor problem may become an obsession if you continue to dwell on it. Take a vacation from that stressful situation.

GEMINI May 21-June 20
Long range plans take shape. Consult one who can be depended on for expert advice. Be open-minded toward innovative ideas.

CANCER June 21-July 22
A neighbor becomes a nuisance. Be truthful. Do not try to make excuses for his behavior. Stand up for your beliefs.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22
Good time to experiment with a new investment. Part with that small savings and watch your money grow.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Romantic evening may turn out to be a turning point in your relationship. Be prepared to accept the change.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Do not over-emphasize the monetary problems confronting you at this time. With a little planning, they will come under control.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Old friendships are renewed. Accept invitation for dinner or party. You will have a much better time than you expect.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Time to clean house. Get rid of that which you no longer need. Relinquish relationships that are stagnating.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Don't forget to say "thank you" to those who stood behind you when you needed support. Those friendships are hard to come by.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Be particular in your business affairs, but avoid nit-picking at home. While it is necessary at work, it is superfluous with mate.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20
An older individual finds you attractive. Be wary. He may become overbearing. Keep your priorities in tact.

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